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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government are going to introduce the trawler system of fishing boats to help the fishermen and enable them to earn money? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, Government have been considering that."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—" Sir, will the Government publish a statement as to what this trawler system has so far done and what is the result? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If the hon. Member will put a separate question, I shall answer it by placing a note on the table of the House."

Deep-sea fishing.

* 1898-B *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenditure incurred in securing the services of one Mr. Paul Ziener for suggesting improvements in deep-sea fishing;

(*b*) the suggestions so far made by him; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of this report on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 5,382–8–0 towards payment of local living costs to Mr. P. Ziener, Food and Agricultural Organization, Naval Architect, who was on assignment in this State during the calendar year 1954.

" (*b*) (i) The expert designed and built a proto-type deep-sea fishing boat for use on the East and West Coasts of this State.

(ii) He also designed and built a motorised surf boat or beach landing craft which could replace the conventional catamaran.

(iii) He has recommended that the Tuticorin type of fishing canoes may be mechanised.

" (*c*) Apart from making studies and recommendations, the expert has not submitted any reports."

Labour dispute in Moidu Rubber Estate, Walluvanad.

* 1898-I *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any labour dispute in the Moidu Rubber Estate in Walluvanad, Malabar, in January 1955;

(*b*) the causes of the dispute; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken to settle the same?